

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of Jews by Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, while Jews were the primary victims, gypsies, the handicapped, the Poles, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, and many others also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust reminds to reflect on the responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments in the face of great injustice; and

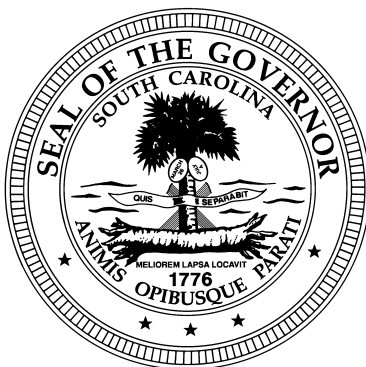
WHEREAS, annual Days of Remembrance provide an opportunity to remember the terrible events of the Holocaust, while reaffirming our dedication to remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, bigotry, and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "From Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice," the 2005 Days of Remembrance pay particular tribute to the 60th anniversary of the liberation of prisoners from Nazi concentration camps and the subsequent prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1 – 8, 2005, as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the memory of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust, while striving to overcome intolerance and inhumanity



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA